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MEMORANDUM FOR: Admiral Arleigh Burke
Chief of Naval Operations

SUBJECT: Sanitization of TALENT Photography

REFERENCE: Op-922H1F/HCA/rrm, Ser. NT-00187 dated
12 June 1958

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1. On 12 June 1958 you wrote to me asking that permission be granted for the use of TALENT photography by Navy strike pilots. This problem has been examined at length by the Ad Hoc Requirements Committee (ARC) and the Utilization Advisory Board (UAB). Both groups are interagency in character and are responsible for making policy recommendations concerning the handling and use of TALENT photography. These groups have jointly recommended that TALENT photography relating to Navy targets in the [] Area be made available to Navy strike pilots under a SECRET NOFORN classification provided:

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a. Selected prints, positives, and uncontrolled mosaics (excluding obliques) are enlarged and cropped to a scale different from that of the original material (new scale to be specified on the reproduced material). For purposes of explicit instruction to those preparing aforementioned selected materials, scale should

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Year and month may be specified.

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b. They be handled in such a way as to not permit reconstruction of track.

c. All such releases from the system be properly logged and registered at HTAUTOMAT.

2. Security considerations involving TALENT photography of the Soviet Union proper are more serious. The ARC and the UAB feel that TALENT photography relating to targets in the Soviet Union proper can be made available to Navy strike pilots only

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3. We fully appreciate the importance of using TALENT photography where it will do the most good and our use of this material is limited only by security considerations that are essential if we are to continue to obtain information from this source. I feel that the

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recommendations outlined above are sound and that they should provide Navy strike pilots with essential information. Therefore, the use of TALENT photography by the Navy in accordance with the procedures outlined above is approved.

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